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THE advertising columns of the The Commercial are ample evidence of the prosperity which exists in Columbus and the surrounding territory. We are now carrying advertisements not only of all the most prominent local merchants, but of several of the leading business houses of Birmingham as well. It is needless to say that The Commercial fully appreciates the liberal patronage which it is receiving, and we hope that our readers will not overlook the numerous bargains which are offered them by these enterprising firms.

THERE'S evidently something radically wrong at the water works; the water was cut off again yesterday afternoon with no warning whatever to the people, who were greatly inconvenienced. We are informed by an expert on the subject that the accumulation of sand at the mouth of the foot valve, which has been the cause of all the trouble in the past, can be easily prevented by building a triangular dam or water shed, and if such is the case, it seems to us that it would be a wise plan to install one at once. At any rate, the matter is worth looking into, for it is not only inconvenient but dangerous to allow the city to be without water for either domestic use or fire protection.

A DESERVED COMPLIMENT.

THE United States Health Bulletin, a publication which ranks above all other journals of a similar character, in an issue of recent date contains a lengthy article on the physical conditions that prevail at many of the leading institutions of learning throughout the country. From this article we take the following, which is certainly a very great compliment to the management of our beloved Industrial Institute and College: "The United States Health Bulletin has had occasion to examine into this subject quite extensively during the past few months, and if some of the facts that have come to our notice during this investigation were generally known, we believe that prospective patrons would be shocked at the unsanitary and disease-breeding conditions existing at some of the highest priced and most fashionable schools.

"These investigations have been made without the instigation of the proprietors and generally without their knowledge, consequently they are unbiased and unprejudiced.

"Among the schools that met with the general approval of the experts investigating these matters for us, and which we have no hesitation in recommending to our readers is the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College, Columbus, Miss.

"We know nothing about the course of study at this school, for it is of no interest to us, but if the same care is taken with the mental welfare of the pupils as is shown and plainly shown to be taken with the physical, we feel that it deserves the support of parents and the encouragement of the public."

Long Hair

"About a year ago my hair was coming out very fast, so I bought a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor. It stopped the falling and made my hair grow very rapidly, until now it is 45 inches in length."—Mrs. A. Boydston, Atchison, Kans.

There's another hunger than that of the stomach. Hair hunger, for instance. Hungry hair needs food, needs hair vigor—Ayer's. This is why we say that Ayer's Hair Vigor always restores color, and makes the hair grow long and heavy. \$1.00 a bottle. All druggists.

If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express you a bottle. Be sure and give the name of your nearest express office. Address, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS.

That the citizens of Tupelo were very highly pleased with the ministers and other visitors who attended the annual session of the North Mississippi conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, which was recently held in that city, is attested by the following resolution, which was introduced by Hon. F. L. Kincannon, who is chancery clerk of Lee county, and who is also a brother of Hon. A. A. Kincannon, the distinguished president of the Industrial Institute and College in this city:

"Whereas, The citizens of Tupelo have had the pleasure and honor of entertaining the members of the North Mississippi conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, in their annual session of 1902, and

"Whereas, We have found the events of the past week to be most entertaining, instructive and elevating, and the members of the conference, their wives, daughters and all visitors to be most agreeable and entertaining in our homes, therefore,

"Be it resolved, That the citizens of Tupelo urgently request that this city be made the regular annual meeting place of the North Mississippi conference; and further resolved that any invitation to meet at any other place be declared out of order.

"CITIZENS OF TUPELO."

FRANKLIN ACADEMY HONOR ROLL.

Primary department—Clifton Armour, Edward Bennett, Verner Bankhead, Harris Malone Cook, Lee Cook, Willard Cook, John Curry, Blanche Drees, Robert Lynn Lipsey, Delton Morris, Claude Morton, Nat Rogers, Walter Scott, Amos Thornburgh, Marguerite Skinner, May Field Shackleford, Jessie Adams, Erin Cooper, Cornelia Crippen, Annie Gandy, Gladys Gunter, Camilla Hicks, Grace Lawrence, Katherine Lindamood, Hattie McCracken, Mabel McCown, Lillian Moore, Nancy Moore, Pauline Pollock, Lovelace Redus, Margaret Rheit, Ruth Senter, Myrtle Thornburgh.

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CHICAGO GLEE CLUB COMING.

The fourth entertainment under the auspices of the Columbus Lyceum association will be held at the College chapel Friday night, Dec. 19, 1902, at 8.15 o'clock. The Chicago Glee Club, the finest male quartet in America to day, will appear. Their quartet and solo work is unsurpassed. Secular and sacred songs, plantation and sentimental melodies will fill the hour. This club is ably assisted by Miss Cochrane, a reader of rare ability. The club has the endorsement of pulpit, and press, the learned musician and the common laborer. Admission 50c. for adults; 25c. for children.

ROSE COGHAN.

Rose Coghlan has scored another triumph in her performance of A. W. Pinero's play, "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," which will be presented at the Columbus Opera House on Thursday, Dec. 18. So much has been written in magazines and newspapers, so many famous actresses have scrambled for, and appeared in this play, which is a keenly observed study of society life, that unusual interest has already been manifested in the first visit of "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" to this city. Society will be out in force. A Pinero play produced by such an actress as Rose Coghlan calls for special attention.

Best stick, pure goods at 15c. O. P. Brown.



Christmas is close at hand and the holidays will, as usual, bring a large number of receptions, parties, dinners and balls, the pleasure of which will be added to by the presence of many boys and girls who are attending schools and colleges in other places and numerous older people who are engaged in business pursuits in distant cities, but who still call Columbus home. The yule tide season is the happiest of the year, and it is the one holiday which the whole civilized world unites in celebrating. Already the ladies have begun on their Christmas presents, and in fact, some which go to loved ones in the far off Philippines have already started on their journey.

Quite the most important social event of the week was the marriage of Miss Lolita Sherrod, of this city, and Dr. Taylor Henry, of Palm, Ala., which happy event was solemnized at the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. Chas. F. Sherrod, on Second avenue, south, at ten o'clock last Wednesday morning. The en-

dainty gowns of white organdy over white satin. These little folks advanced to the arch, on one side of which was seated Miss Mamie Sue Sherrod and on the other, Master T. C. Billups. From these two the ribbons were received and the aisle down which the bride and groom marched was formed. Down this aisle came the groom with his brother, Rev. W. G. Henry, who acted as best man, and the bride on the arm of her brother, Mr. C. F. Sherrod. She wore a gown of white organdy over white satin, and never looked lovelier than she did on this happy occasion. The liberty satin sash and bridal veil fell to the end of her train and the veil was looped back with a wreath of white flowers. She wore at her throat a magnificent brooch, a sunburst of pearls and diamonds, which was the bridal gift of the groom, and at her waist a handsome pin that was worn by her grandmother. Upon arrival at the altar the happy pair were met by Rev. T. W. Lewis, pastor of the First Methodist church,

while sprays of holly, with its bright red berries, were entwined about the chandelier, from the jets of which there extended streamers of carmine ribbon, which were fastened to the four corners of the table with rosettes of the same color. The refreshments consisted of ices, cakes, candies, and all kinds of fruits, and the little folks who were present are indebted to the accomplished young hostess for a most delightful afternoon.

Little Miss Elonia Dudley Hutchinson celebrated her tenth birthday last Thursday evening by entertaining quite a number of her friends at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Hutchinson, on College street. The house was beautifully decorated, the hall being in red with an abundance of holly berries and other kindred shrubs twined about the furniture and chandelier in a most artistic manner. Evergreens and vines were used to splendid advantage in the dining room. In the center of the table was a magnificent Christmas tree, on which hung souvenirs for every guest present. After refreshments had been served the little folks repaired to the hall, where a picture of a donkey was hanging, the quadruped being minus the customary tail. The children were blindfolded and proceeded to try to pin the tail in the right place, a prize being given to the one who pinned it nearest the correct spot. The contest occasioned a great deal of fun and amusement, and the afternoon brought a great deal of pleasure to the hearts of the little folks who were present.

The Ladies' Reading circle met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. S. B. Bradford at her home on south Market street. Mrs. G. H. Mathis acted as leader, and the following interesting program was carried out: "The Infantas, Isabella, Joanna and Catherine," Mrs. C. H. Ayres; "Spanish Empire in the Western Hemisphere," Mrs. S. B. Bradford; Reading, "Spain's Wit and Humor," Mrs. L. A. Vaughan.

The members of the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held a meeting in their rooms in the Morgan building last Thursday morning, at which arrangements were made to send for eighty-five crosses of honor for Confederate veterans who have applied for them. There are ten or twelve other old soldiers in the county who are entitled to the crosses and there will be another meeting of the organization at three o'clock Monday afternoon for the purpose of taking further action in the matter. All members are urgently requested to be present at this meeting.

FLOYD'S CANDY.

You cant buy better anywhere at any price. Chocolate a specialty at Jones, the druggist. 12-14-2w

Remember 57 Main Street keeps open at night. The lights are bright, the goods are beautiful. Go there and look, Buder Brothers.

Fine hand made creams 35c. a lb. This candy is worth one hundred cents on the dollar anywhere. O. P. Brown.

A candid talk about candy. O. P. Brown.

Wanted—Salesmen and Collectors.

We want good salesmen to handle our sewing machines and collect at Columbus, Aberdeen, Okolona and Eupora. Must be able to furnish bond and a horse. Good pay to hustlers. Call or address R. B. LESLIE, Manager, Columbus, Miss.

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Snger Machines sold on easy payment plan. Old machines taken in exchange. R. B. LESLIE, Mgr.

Old friends in new dress at price of a song. For 25c. and 35c. standard poems, novels and readable books, nicely bound, at Mayo & Weaver's.

Books, books, books at Mayo & Weaver's.

Fancy boxes any size, filled on short notice. O. P. Brown.

Call early and make your choice from a carefully selected stock direct from factory of select books at lowest city prices. MAYO & WEAVER.

WOMAN'S COLUMN.

WHOSE BOY?

"The Mills.—A school can't move be run without using up boys than a flouring mill without wheat, or a saw mill without logs. The only question is, whose boys—your boys or mine—our boys or our neighbor's?"

CIGARETTES CONTINUED.

The supreme court of Tennessee declared the law forbidding the sale or giving away of cigarettes in that state constitutional, and said, in part, as follows: "We think cigarettes are not legitimate articles of commerce because they are wholly useless and deleterious to health. Their use is always harmful, never beneficial. They possess no virtue, but are inherently bad, and bad only. They find no true commendation or merit or usefulness in any sphere. On the contrary they are widely condemned as pernicious altogether. Beyond question their every tendency is toward the impairment of physical health and mental vigor."

J. C. Ayer & Co., a large manufacturing firm in Lowell, Mass., has posted a sign in its building announcing that hereafter it will not employ any boy who smokes cigarettes. The firm gives these reasons:

1. It lessens the natural appetite for food and injures digestion.
2. It seriously affects the nervous system.
3. It lowers the moral tone.
4. It creates a craving for strong drink.
5. It is a filthy and offensive habit.
6. It is expensive.
7. It is unlawful.
8. Why cigarette smoking is not allowed among the boys in our employ, the above reasons are a sufficient answer. But a close observation for many years among the boys employed by this company has shown that those who are most energetic, active, alert, quick, spry, do not smoke; while the listless, lazy, dull, sleepy, uninteresting and uninterested boys are, we find upon investigation, those who smoke cigarettes."

Within a little over a year, the papers of New York City have published in their great of story news matter some items that seem to show that cigarettes not only "produce injury to the health" of those who use them, but also injure the health of those who do not. The items list up as follows:

- Driven insane by cigarettes 33
- Robbery inspired by cigarettes 12
- Suicide, result of cigarettes 12
- Murder, caused by cigarettes 6
- Killed by excessive use of cigarettes 8
- Convulsions caused by cigarettes 2
- Blindness from cigarettes 1

Total 91

"Doubtless many will be surprised to hear that murder has been inspired by cigarettes, but the facts point that way." Part of the defense of Mike Silver, who killed Lyons on the Bowery, was cigarette insanity. Kerner, who murdered Mamie Redgate, pleaded excessive cigarette smoking as a cause. Edgar Henry, who shot the station agent at Scarsdale, N. Y., a short time ago, was said to be silly from cigarette smoking. So was Willis Rosser, who shot Slater at Madison Square Garden on Dec. 9. Some figures from the reformatory at Pontiac, Ill., might also be enlightening as showing where these harmless cigarettes lead.

Fifty-eight of the 63 boys of twelve years smoked; 135 of the 133 boys of 14 smoked, and 73 of the 82 boys of fifteen smoked.—Homeletic Review.

Many of the legislatures have passed laws of help to us, but unless the law of the house is against the use of cigarettes, the work of reform is only half accomplished.

When the children of the homes are enlisted in the Christian League, the next generation will be more nearly brought to the high standard of perfected womanhood and man-

hood. This brings us to rejoice at the splendid reports of L. T. L., organized by the State Dept. of this department. Miss Charles Garner, Chattanooga letters come, bringing the glad tidings of the great work being done among the children. Our local work is in line with the national work and is still growing.

Normally 10¢ (10¢) per doz. 12¢ (12¢) per doz.

Mayo & Weaver.

Fresh Fish at Silberberg's market every Friday. 9-4 tf

Singer's is the best. It does not gum, and costs no more than an inferior article. 3-24 tf

A. B. LESLIE, Mgr.

FLOYD'S CANDY.

I have secured the exclusive agency for Florida candy in Columbus. Jones, the druggist. 12-14-2w

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